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"Spot the mistake" video wins award

IPAF's "Spot the mistake" video has won the first prize as the best media in the DVD/CD category in a "Health and Safety at Work" information media contest held by the Italian health and safety authorities.

The contest called "Inform@zione" is organised every two years by the Italian national social insurance organisation INAIL during the Ambiente Lavoro convention. The jury evaluates the submitted entries based on the information, educational and accident prevention aspects. Entries are very widespread and

cover all kinds of communication and training products relating to health and safety in the workplace.

"Spot the mistake" is available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish. It can be viewed and downloaded at the Publications/Film section of www.ipaf.org



The filming of IPAF's "Spot the mistake" safety video

Web conferencing made easy and cost-effective

IPAF members can now benefit from MegaMeeting, a revolutionary video and web conferencing service that enables participants to see and talk to each other all over the world without any travelling time and expense.

Sign up for a free demonstration from now until 28th February 2011. IPAF members who then decide to purchase MegaMeeting save 40 percent on the set-up fee. Details are at the Services/Member Benefits section of www.ipaf.org



IPAF staff update

IPAF has introduced some changes in staff responsibilities and reporting structures to build on its existing systems.

Margaret Caton, who for many in the UK will be a familiar face behind the efficient running of the training administration, will now concentrate on instructor and senior instruction applications, particularly from outside the UK. Her job title is now instructor administration officer, reporting directly to international training manager, Rupert Douglas-Jones.

Considerable investment in IPAF's card production systems over the years has brought the production, despatch and invoicing processes closer together. Barry Lewis, financial controller, will now manage these three areas. The training administration team now reports to Barry and will continue to keep up the excellent level of telephone support provided to training centres and the general public.

Jean Harrison's work on member support and event management has grown tremendously and it is therefore appropriate that her job title is now membership officer and event/committee coordinator. Harrison maintains the membership lists and responds to membership enquiries. She continues to provide support to the board, council, country councils and committees, reporting to managing director, Tim Whiteman.

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IPAF focus

Meet business associates in a relaxed setting at the IPAF Networking Event to be held at the Hard Rock Cafe Amsterdam

Summit and IAPAs date: 14 April 2011 in Amsterdam

Online bookings are now open for the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs), to be held on 14th April 2011 at the NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Visit www.iapa-summit.info to register for the free IPAF Summit and to book your ticket to the awards ceremony and dinner.

An IPAF Networking Event will take place on the evening of 13th April at the Hard Rock Cafe Amsterdam. Join colleagues and business associates for a relaxed evening of discussion and entertainment at one of Amsterdam's popular hangouts. This event is open to all IPAF members and those holding a ticket for the IAPA awards dinner. Register in advance at www.iapa-summit.info

New stickers for your machines

IPAF has produced new stickers meant to clearly identify the machine category. These stickers are available for the MEWP categories 1a, 1b, 3a, 3b and PAV (Push Around Vertical). IPAF members can obtain the stickers by e-mailing info@ipaf.org



Survey on MEWP controls

IPAF is currently conducting a survey of MEWP controls with the aim of encouraging standardisation of some control actions on aerial lifts. Manufacturers are invited to supply additional information on the nature, type, direction of movement, function and characteristics of controls on the MEWPs they currently produce, ranging from those for scissor, boom, van mount and truck mount to vertical mast MEWPs. The results will be discussed at the IPAF MEWP Safety Forum and the IPAF Manufacturers' Technical Committee. Contact IPAF's Technical Officer for more information.

Database for engineers

The IPAF Engineers' Forum is collecting data on machine faults and failures in order to highlight any potential safety and technical issues. Those interested in attending these meetings should contact the IPAF UK Training Administrator, Susan Foster.

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